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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that demands have been coming for more and more depots from important centres in the Malabar district as, for instance, Payyanur, will the Government consider increasing the number of depots in this district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, we have been increasing the number of Demonstrators but it is subject to the availability of funds as depots mean demonstrators which in turn mean finance. But, as I have already said. it is possible that we will have another demonstrator at Payyanur."

Landslide in Mangalore.

* 128 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons were buried alive in the recent landslide in Mangalore taluk;

(*b*) how many of the victims have been unearthed ; and

(*c*) what is the amount of relief disbursed to the families of the victims?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Eight persons were buried alive in the recent landslide in the Mangalore taluk.

" (*b*) One victim has been unearthed

" (*c*) A sum of Rs. 225 was disbursed out of the discretionary grant with the Collector and a sum of Rs. 75 was disbursed by the Red Cross Society, Mangalore. In addition, a sum of Rs. 200 was collected from the public by the Secretary. District Congress Committee, and granted to the families of the victims. The families of the victims were also supplied with clothing worth Rs. 27 collected from the public by the Secretary, District Congress Committee, Mangalore. Five palmyra trees were also granted to the families by the Collector free of seigniorage value from Government land. Further, a Government poramboke land was immediately selected and the families of the victims were permitted to occupy the land for constructing houses pending formal assignment."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue gave us accounts of the help rendered by Congress Committees. Is it because no other political party or committee rendered any help or the Government did not care to enquire about it? "

THE HON. SRI M. A MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, in addition to the Congress Committee I mentioned the Red Cross Society also. Probably the hon. Gentleman's party was not quite active during that period."